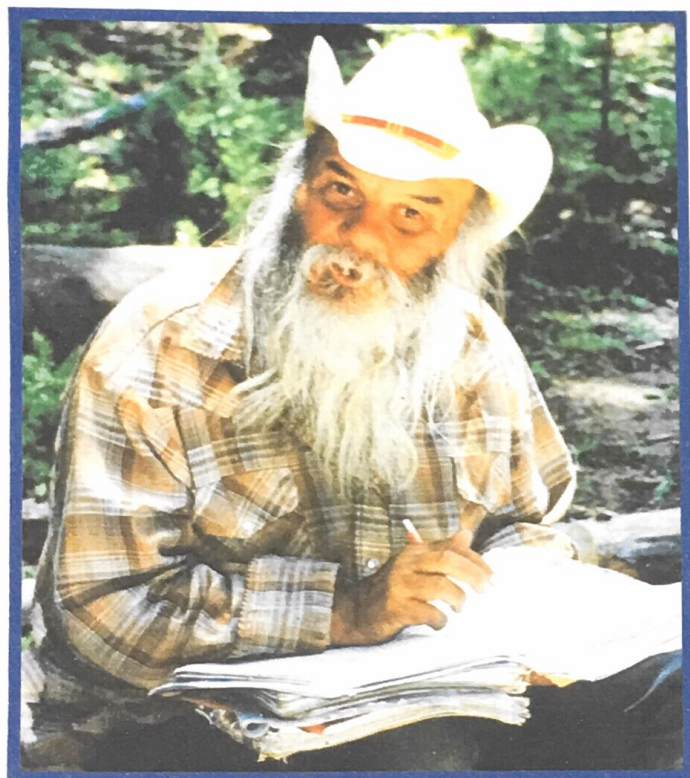


Rainbow Family

Life Stories



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Interviews with Rainbow
Family of Living Light
folks conducted between
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What Babylon Teaches You Is Wrong

I was born in Tacoma, Washington in 1979. I'm 18. My dad was part of Rainbow. He ain't no more. He don't travel or nothing. I'm not sure what he does now.

My parents were never actually married really. They separated when I was about two. I went back and forth between parents. I was never put in public school.

My dad taught me, but not nothing of Babylon teachings. He didn't teach me like history - like bullshit in school. He taught me a lot more than regular school could teach a person. He taught me to read. He taught me how to build houses to make money in the Babylon world. He taught me how to survive in the woods and to believe in myself. He was saying nature is God, not just the higher being like the Bible says.

My mom moved to Atlanta before I was five. She kicked me out on the streets when I was twelve. I hung out at Little Five Points in Atlanta - there's a lot of hippies and punk rockers there - a lot of real true people.

I was about 14 when I went to the regional gathering in North Carolina. The gathering was not really different from my life because I had always been in like the underground scene.

I went to regional gatherings around the South - Alabama, sometimes in Tennessee. I got arrested for marijuana in Georgia. I was 15 then. I went to boot camp and then to two years of regular juvenile. Boot camp is like regular military but a lot harsher. They try to brainwash people. But you know it's wrong. You just gotta understand that what they try to teach you is wrong. Marijuana is from nature. It's like -

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why cut down a pine tree and say it's illegal? I was in juvenile for two years in Augusta, Georgia. They wouldn't let me be in touch with nobody. When I got out, I went to my mom. She tried to get me locked up because I got some marijuana out from under her bed. She called the police on me. That's fucked up because it was her marijuana in the first place. My dad came and got me and I ran and that's what I'm doing now, staying away from the government.

Arizona [1998] is the first national gathering I've ever been to. I think we'll have to gather like this if we want to survive. Babylon is on its end. It's about time, too. If we can't build another society, we don't have much of a future. I like the way we're living now in tribal anarchy.

I help out the family by doing errands and runs. If food needs to be cooked, I cook it. I've dugged shitters and compost pits. I make jewelry to sell. I spread medicine through the underground to my family.

I hope we get to live in tribes and anarchy the way the Indians lived. The way everyone lived before they got brainwashed by Babylon.